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The following items were adopted at the March 18, 1999, Commission meeting and released later that day.

NEWS RELEASES

COMMON CARRIER ACTION - FCC ADOPTS RULES TO PROMOTE THE DEPLOYMENT OF ADVANCED TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES (CC DOCKET NO. 98-147) - REPORT NO. CC 99-6. The Commission adopted several measures today to enable competitive providers of advanced services, such as high-speed Internet access, to deploy new technologies on a faster, more cost-effective basis to consumers. Action by the Commission March 18, by First Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FCC 99-48). Adopted: March 18, 1999. CCB Contact: News Media: Emily Hoffnar at (202) 418-0253; Common Carrier: Michael Pryor at (202) 418-1580. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/News_Releases/1999/nrcc9019.html

COMMON CARRIER ACTION - FCC INCREASES CONSUMER ACCESS TO LONG DISTANCE RATE INFORMATION - CC DOCKET NO. 96-61 - REPORT NO. CC 99-5. The Commission required that long distance carriers publicly disclose their rates to the public in an easy-to-understand, clear format, once these services are detariffed. This will make it easier for consumers to obtain information to help select the long distance plan that best suits their individual needs. Action by the Commission March 18, 1999, by Second Order on Reconsideration (FCC 99-47).. Adopted: March 18, 1999. CCB Contact: News Media Contact: Emily Hoffnar at (202) 418-0253; Common Carrier: Margaret Egler at (202) 418-2319 and Andrea Kearney at (202) 418-7271. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/News_Releases/1999/nrcc9018.html

COMMON CARRIER ACTION - FCC ADOPTS TWO ORDERS RELATED TO THE SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT MECHANISM (CC DOCKET NO. 96-45) - REPORT NO. CC 99-7. The Commission adopted two orders to ensure the continue success of the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism. Action by the Commission March 17, 1999 by Tenth Order on Reconsideration(FCC99-46), Action by the Commission March 18, 1999 by Fourth Report and Order in CC Docket No. 97-21, Fifth Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket No. 96-45 and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FCC 99-49).. Adopted: March 18, 1999. Dkt No.: CC- 96-45, CC- 97-21. CCB Contact: News Media: Emily Hoffnar at (202) 418-0253; Common Carrier: Sharon Webber or Irene Flannery at (202) 418-7400. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/News_Releases/1999/nrcc9020.html

INTERNATIONAL ACTION - FCC ADOPTS NOTICE PROPOSING POLICIES AND SERVICE RULES FOR THE 2 GHZ MOBILE SATELLITE SERVICE (IB DOCKET 99-81) - REPORT NO. IN 99-12. Today, the Commission proposed rules to implement the mobile satellite service (MSS) at 2 GHz in the United States. Action by the Commission March 18, 1999, by NPRM (FCC 99-50). Adopted: March 18, 1999. IB Contact: Chris Murphy at (202) 418-2373, Howard Griboff at (202) 418-0657 or Alex Roytblat at (202) 418-7501. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/News_Releases/1999/nrin9012.html

INTERNATIONAL ACTION - COMMISSION STREAMLINES THE INTERNATIONAL AUTHORIZATION PROCESS, REDUCING REGULATORY BURDENS AND GRANTING GREATER FLEXIBILITY TO AUTHORIZED INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS (IB DOCKET NO. 98-118) - REPORT NO. IB 99-13. The Commission took major steps to reduce regulatory burdens on providers of international telecommunications services citing rapid changes in the global telecommunications market. Action by the Commission March 18, 1999, by Report and Order (FCC 99-51). Adopted: March 18, 1999. IB Contact: Douglas Klein, Peggy Reitzel or Troy Tanner at (202) 418-1470. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/News_Releases/1999/nrin9013.html

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The following items are dated for and released on March 19, 1999:

NEWS RELEASES

OPEN PROCEEDINGS. OPA Contact: Martha Contee, Public Service Division at (202) 418-0260; TTY: (202) 418-2555. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Miscellaneous/Open_Proceedings/op990319.wp

PUBLIC NOTICES

Released: March 19, 1999. TARIFF TRANSMITTAL PUBLIC REFERENCE LOG - MARCH 18. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/Tariffs/combined/tt031899.pdf

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BELLSOUTH. Granted BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s and BellSouth Corporation's, pursuant to Section 3(25) of the Communications Act of 1934, a amended, to provide two-way, flat-rated, non-optional expanded local calling service between the Fairmont and Maxton, Parkton, Red Springs, and St. Paul, North Carolina exchanges. Action by Chief, Network Services Division. Adopted: March 19, 1999. by MO&O. (DA No. 99-526). CCB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/1999/da990526.wp

DATABASE SERVICE MANAGEMENT, INC - END OF 888 RIGHT-OF-FIRST-REFUSAL PROCESS ON APRIL 5, 1999. Directed Database Service Management, Inc. to release all remaining unclaimed "unavailable" set-aside 888 numbers into "spare" status beginning at noon and ending by 6:00 p.m. EST on April 5, 1999. At that time, those numbers will become available to all subscribers on a first come, first served basis. Action by Bureau Chief. by Letter. CCB Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/1999/wadelett.wp

ADDENDA: The following items, released March 18, 1999, did not appear in Digest No. 52:

PUBLIC NOTICES

Released: March 18, 1999. ALL TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS MUST BEGIN CONTRIBUTING TO THE REGIONAL DATABASE COSTS FOR LONG-TERM NUMBER PORTABILITY IN 1999 - CC DOCKET NO. 95-116. (DA No. 99-544). Contact: Lloyd Collier at (202) 418-1520. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/1999/da990544.wp

Report No: 24451. Released: March 18, 1999. BROADCAST APPLICATIONS. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/Brdcst_Applications/ap990318.txt

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FRANK BARTHOLOMEW. Denied Frank Bartholomew's Petition for Reconsideration regarding a forfeiture in the amount of \$2,000 for the willful violations of Sections 301 and 303(n) of the Communications Act of 1934; reaffirmed monetary forfeiture in the amount of \$2,000. Action by Chief. Adopted: March 17, 1999. by MO&O. (DA No. 99-527). CIB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Compliance/Orders/1999/da990527.wp>

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS. Clarified, on reconsideration, an earlier order granting a Request for Declaratory Ruling to allow electronic filing, by web site, of the exhibits to FCC Form 394. Action by Bureau Chief. Adopted: March 18, 1999. by Order. (DA No. 99-548). CSB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1999/da990548.wp>

ERRATUM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AND MCCORMICK & JACOBSON. Corrected MO&O released March 5, 1999, DA 99-465. Action by Chief, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division. by Erratum. WTB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Orders/1999/er990465.wp>

ADDENDA: The following items, released March 16, 1999, did not appear in Digest No. 50:

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VARIOUS PETITIONS FOR WAIVER OF THE AIRBORNE CELLULAR RULE. Established a deadline for AirCell, Inc. and other parties in the various Petitions for Waiver of the Airborne Cellular Rule to file reply comments. Request for extension of time until March 19, 1999 granted. Action by Chief, Commercial Wireless Division. Adopted: March 16, 1999. by Order. (DA No. 99-524). WTB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Orders/1999/da990524.wp>